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1. The so-called "Netherlands Communist Committee"\* has published three circulars which were mailed to prominent Dutch Communists. These publications call for a strengthening of Dutch Communism and a breaking away by the CPN from the domination of the Moscow-controlled Cominform. The latest circular was given more extensive distribution by its anonymous publishers and presents its aims as follows:
- "In future the Netherlands Communist Committee fights:
1. Against the dependence of Dutch Communism on the Cominform or on any other power beyond our frontiers; and thus for the absolute freedom of Communism in The Netherlands, both in its national and international pronouncements;
  2. Against all forms of servile subordination now being demonstrated by the CPN; against political irresolution; against an impotent Central Committee; and thus for an all-embracing, effective Dutch Communist Labor Movement."
2. The members of this committee are unknown. Dissension within the CPN on various subjects is well known, but information is lacking on the identification of specific factions. For several years certain artists and intellectuals have opposed the Party line and instructions emanating from the top leadership, but this element within the membership is not known to have consolidated into a group with a definite, aggressive program of action which would include the circularizing of Party members with these pamphlets.
3. No recent instances of resignation or expulsion of CPN leaders are known, but, at the district committee level and among provincial and municipal councils, about 30 CPN officials have resigned their Party memberships or official positions.
4. Since the appearance of the first circular in September 1948 there has been no apparent tightening of security within the CPN. In the spring of 1948 certain precautions were introduced and continue to be used. Among these are:
- a. Installation of a secret card index of members referred to by number;

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- b. Written invitations to private Party meetings;
  - c. Strict Party surveillance and control of the meeting places for secret conferences; and
  - d. Pressure for greater activity by control commission members.
5. The first two circulars were reprinted in the weekly, Parlaat, official paper of the Dutch Labor Party, thus publicizing to Dutch citizens this implied split in the Communist Party of The Netherlands.

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[REDACTED] gives the text of the first circular issued by the "Netherlands Communist Committee" and describes the formation of this Committee.

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[REDACTED] comment. There exists a strong probability that these circulars did not originate from any individual or group within the CPN. A more logical opinion is that they were written and circulated by anti-Communists who are aware of the controversies within the Communist movement and adroitly seized the opportunity further to weaken any effective action by the CPN.

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